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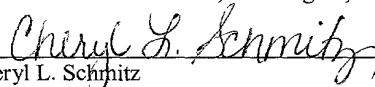
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend this application as follows.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-32.

Please amend claims 33 and 36 as follows:

33. A method of forming a filtration media array comprising the steps of:

- (a) forming a contoured polymeric film layer;
- (b) joining the contoured film layer to a second layer at at least one face of the contoured film layer so as to stabilize the contoured film layer and form flow channels; and
- (c) electrostatically charging the flow channel layer assembly of the contoured film layer and the second layer.

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36. A method of forming a filtration media array comprising the steps of:

- (a) forming a contoured polymeric film layer;
- (b) joining the contoured film layer to a second layer at at least one face of the contoured film layer so as to stabilize the contoured film layer and form a series of adjacent flow channels;
- (c) layering the flow channel layer assembly so as to create a filtration media array having multiple flow channel layers forming fluid pathways through the filtration media array; and
- (d) slicing the filtration media array with a hot wire so as to fuse the adjacent layers forming the filtration media array.

Remarks

The above amendments to claims 33 and 36 have been made correct to clarify the claimed invention.

Respectfully submitted,



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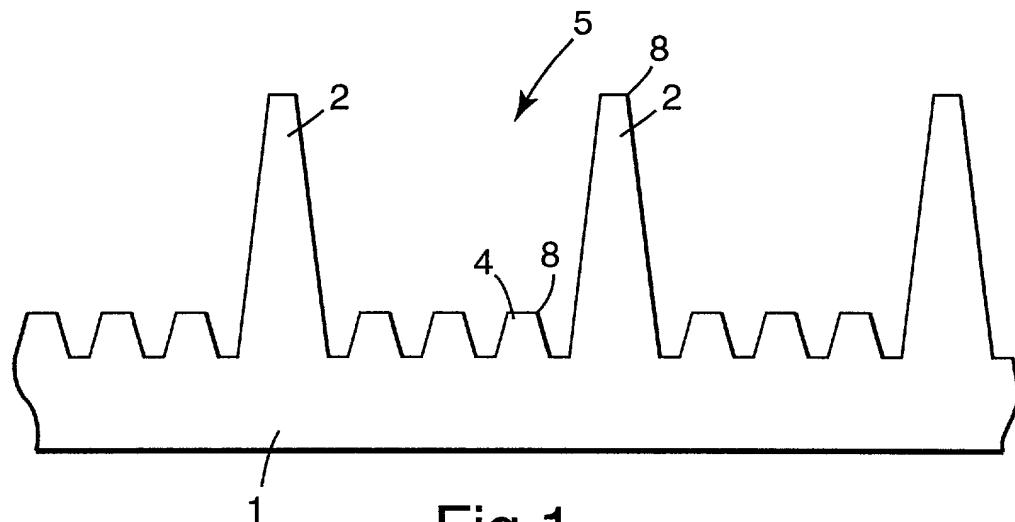


Fig.1

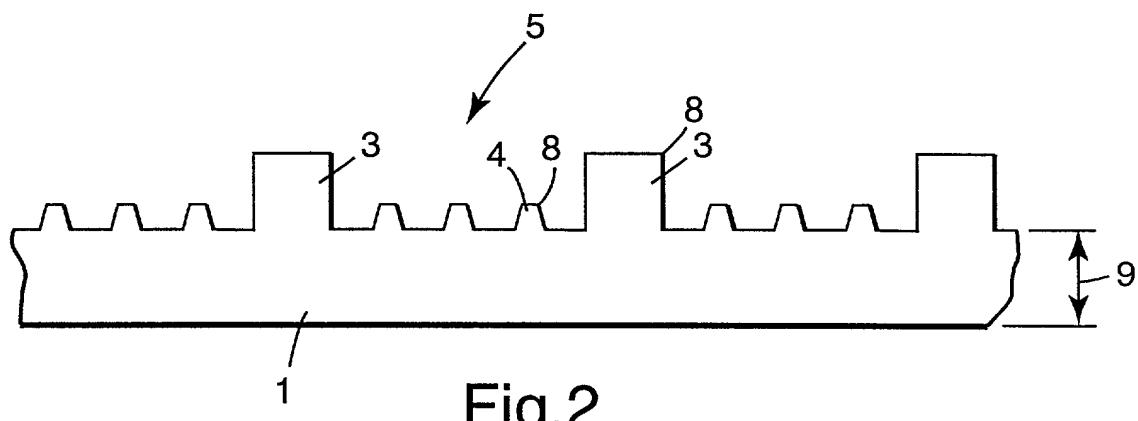


Fig.2

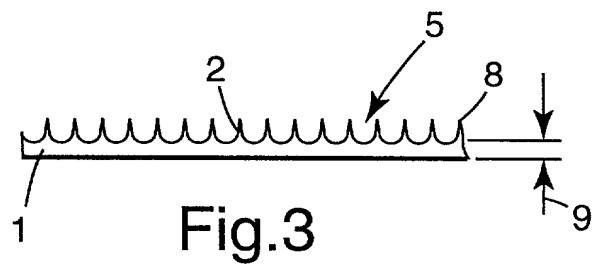


Fig.3

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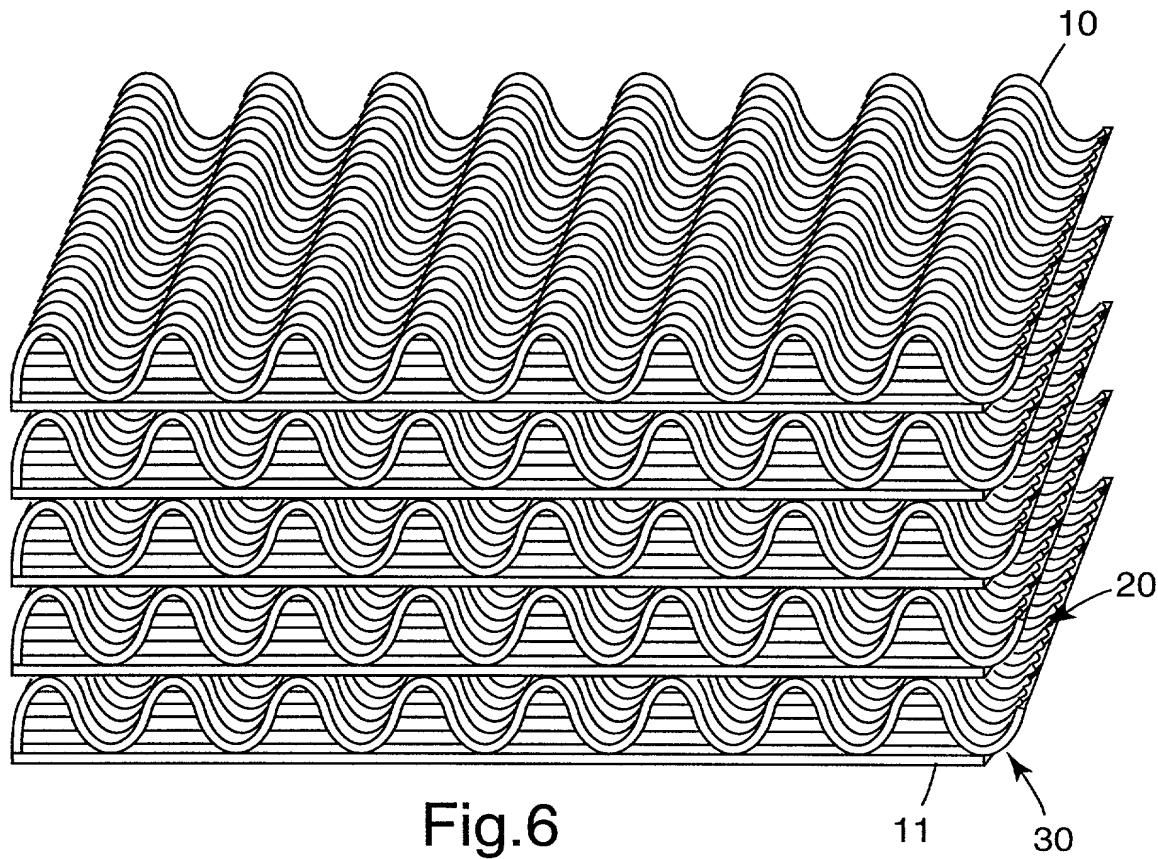


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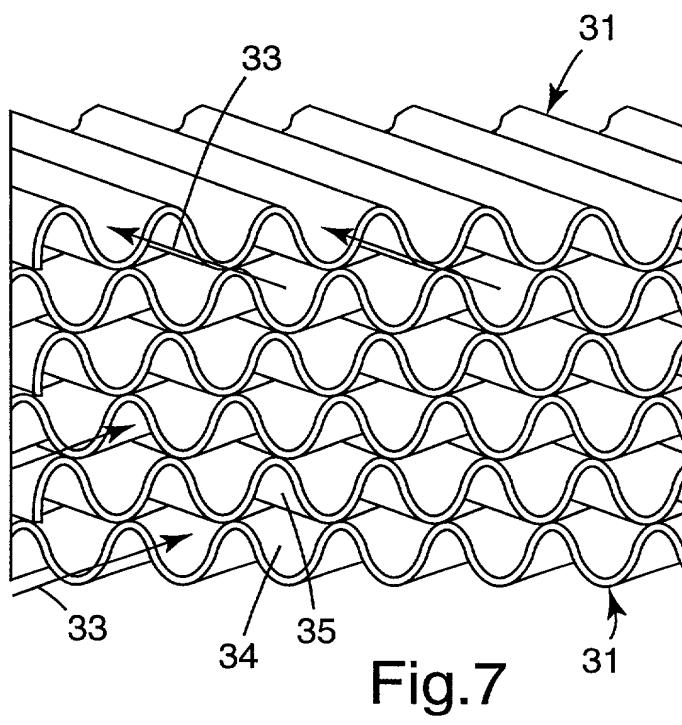
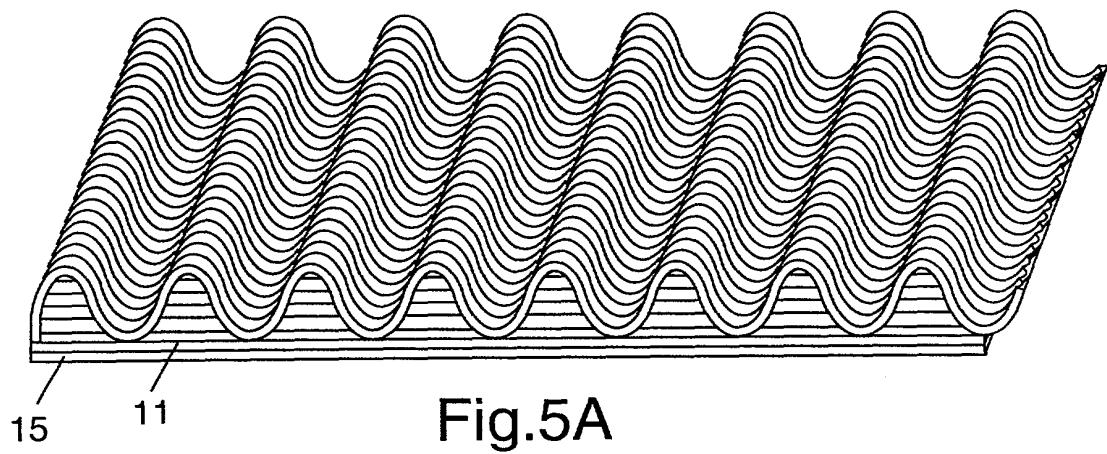
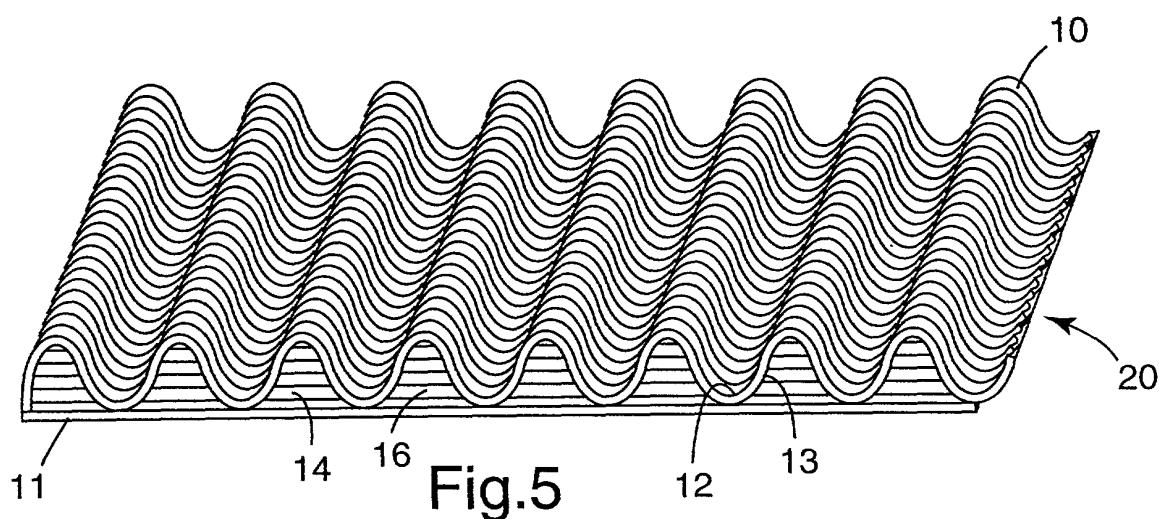
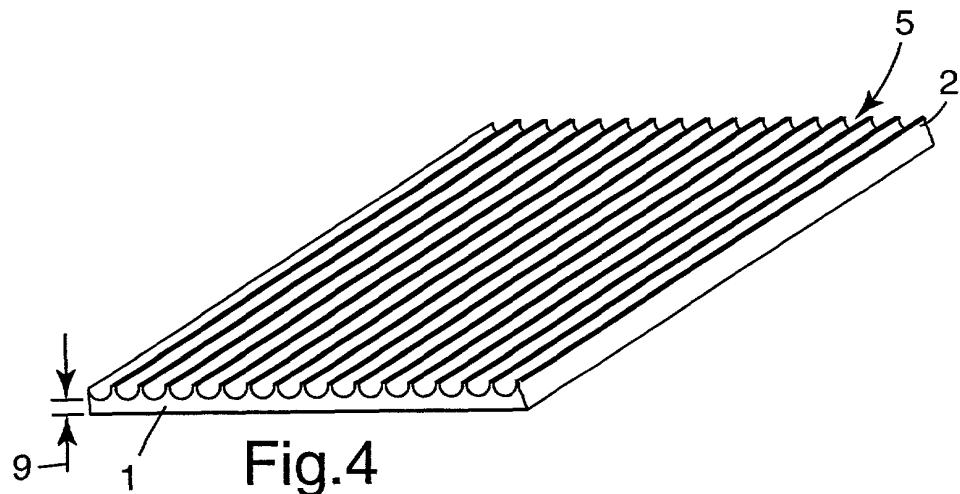


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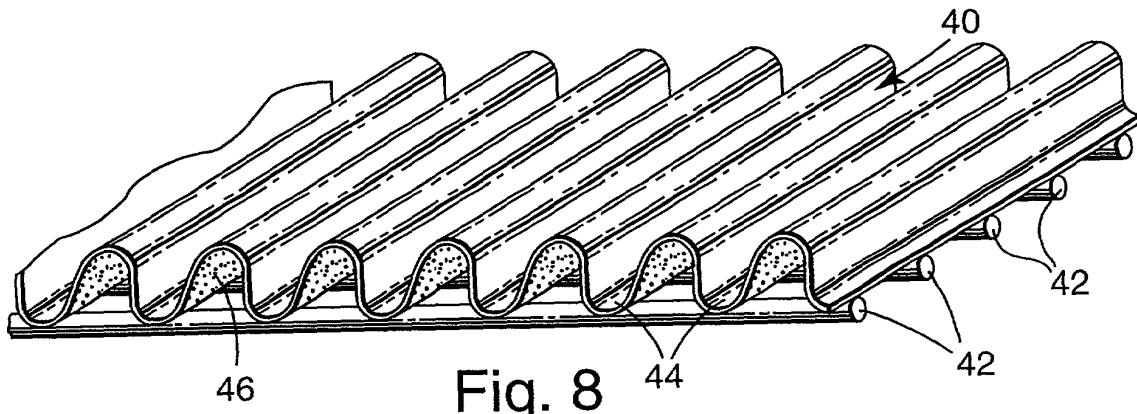


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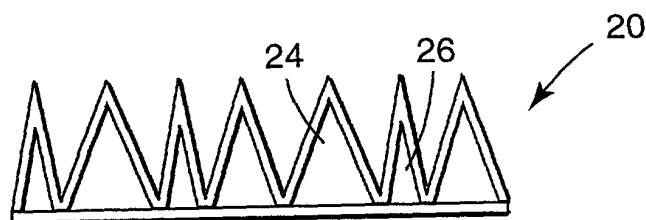


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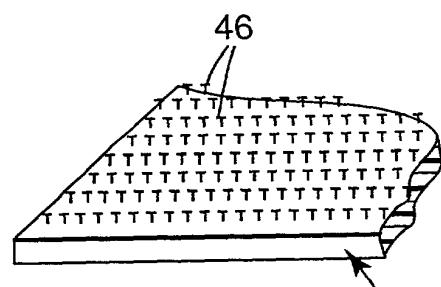


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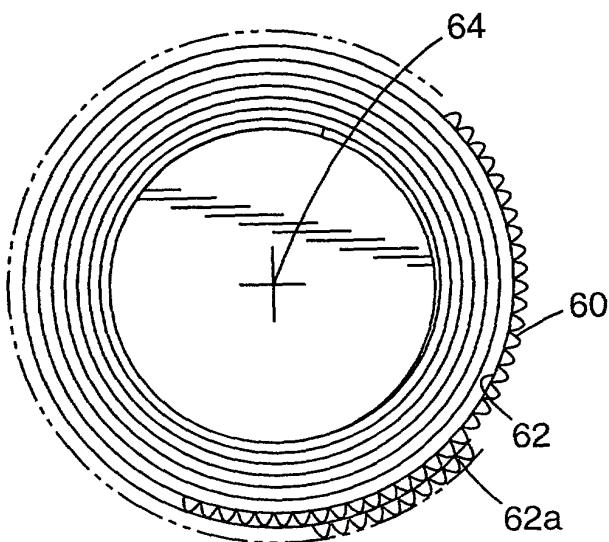


Fig. 10